IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 97,078-P)

PATENT

In application of:		)	
		)	
	Gocke *et al.*	)	**Before the Examiner:**
		)	**S. Chunduru**
Serial No.	**10/680,060**	)	
		)	**Group Art Unit: 1656**
Filed:	**October 7, 2003**	)	
		)	
For:	**Detection of Extracellular Tumor-**	)	
	Associated Nucleic Acid in Blood	)	
	Plasma or Serum using Nucleic Acid	)	
	Amplification Assay	)	

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION
MAILED SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Arlington, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed September 9, 2007, Applicants request reconsideration of their pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, Applicants set forth amendments to their claims beginning on page 2. Applicants' remarks begin on page 8.

McDONNELL BOEHNEN HULBERT & BERGHOFF
300 South Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606
(312) 913-0001